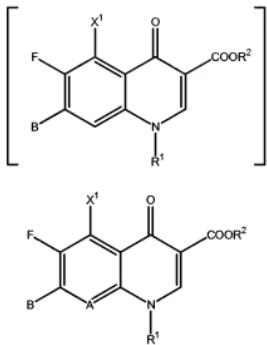


Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 10 with the following replacement paragraph:

The antibiotics used in the compositions and methods of the present invention have the following formula:

(I)



wherein:

A is CH, CF, CCl, C—OCH₃, or N;

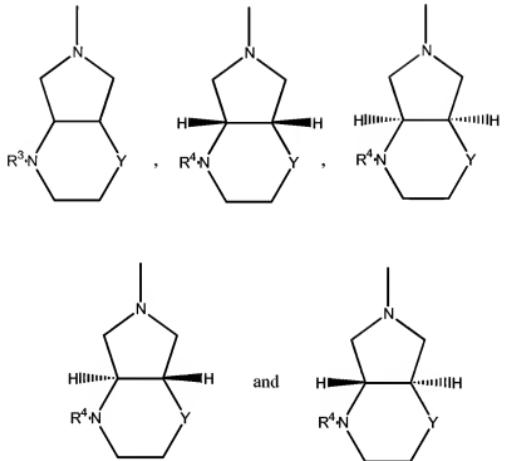
X¹ is H, halogen, NH₂, or CH₃;

R¹ is C₁ to C₃ alkyl, FCH₂CH₂, cyclopropyl or phenyl, optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted by halogen, or A and R¹ together can form a bridge of formula C—O—CH₂—CH(CH₃);

R² is H, C₁ to C₃ alkyl (optionally substituted by OH, halogen or NH₂), or 5-methyl-2-

oxo-1,3-dioxol-4-yl-methyl; and

B is a selected from the group consisting of:



wherein:

Y is O or CH_2 ;

R^3 is $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_5$ alkoxyl, $\text{CH}_2\text{-CO-C}_6\text{H}_5$, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{R}'$, $\text{R}'\text{O}_2\text{C-CH=CH-CO}_2\text{R}'$, $\text{CH=CH-CO}_2\text{R}'$ or $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{-CN}$,

wherein:

R' is H or C_1 to C_3 alkyl;

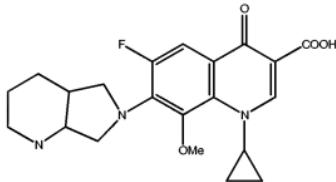
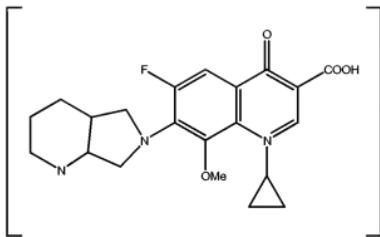
R^4 is H, C_1 to C_3 alkyl, $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_5$ alkoxyl, $\text{CH}_2\text{-CO-C}_6\text{H}_5$, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{R}'$, $\text{R}'\text{O}_2\text{C-CH=CH-CO}_2\text{R}'$, $\text{CH=CH-CO}_2\text{R}'$, $\text{CH=CH-CO}_2\text{R}'$, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{-CN}$ or 5-methyl-2-oxo-1,3-dioxol-4-yl-methyl,

wherein:

R' is H or C₁ to C₃ alkyl; and their pharmaceutically useful hydrates and salts.

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 5 and 6 (and amended by paper filed March 9, 2006) with the following replacement paragraph:

The compound Moxifloxacin is most preferred. Moxifloxacin has the following structure:



Further details regarding the structure, preparation, and physical properties of Moxifloxacin and other compounds of formula (I) are provided in United States Patent No. 5,607,942.